Installation of statue of Laxmibai

†*192. SHRI RK. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ancestral house of Jhansi Ki Rani, Laxmibai in Tulsi Ghat at her birth place, Banaras is in a dilapidated conditions; if so, the difficulty in developing it and installing a statue of Laxmibai; and

(b) the reasons for not declaring it as protected area?

THE MINISTER OFTOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The site does not have any archaeological and architectural remains and is not presently under the protection of Archaeological Survey of India. The State Government on being approached has informed that it is verifying the authenticity of the site which is claimed to be the birthplace of Rani Laxmibai at Tulsi Ghat at Varanasi. Development of the site will depend on the outcome of the investigation by the State Government.

Security System at Salarjung Museum, Hyderabad

*193. DR. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Salarjung Museum, Hyderabad lacks an integrated modern security system;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the close circuit television covers only a part of the Museum; and

(c) if so, in what manner Government propose to ensure better security of the Museum?

THE MINISTER OFTOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Prior to 1973, the security of the Salarjung Museum was looked after by its own security personnel consisting of about 50 security guards. Subsequently, the security was strengthened by entrusting the job of external security to the Andhra Pradesh State Police. On 12th November, 1996 the internal security of the Museum was completely handed over to the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). Presently 103 CISF personnel are deployed for the security of the Museum.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The security has been modernised over the years with the acquisition of modem electronic security gadgets such as the doorframe and handheld metal detectors, vehicle inspection mirrors, X-ray machines, Closed Circuit TV (CCTV), recording systems, magnetic latch for the door, glass break detectors, magnetic switches, vibration detectors, alarm systems, video motion detectors, passive infra-red devices, and infra-red beam barriers.

The security of the Museum is upgraded continuously over the years, keeping in mind the threat perceptions.

Outstanding loan of State Governments

*194. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the Central loan outstanding against State Governments as on 31st March, 2000, 2001 and 2002 respectively, State-wise;

(b) the amount loan written off, State-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to write off the entire loan in case of Rajasthan because of unprecedented drought conditions there; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) The loans from Ministry of Finance outstanding against State Governments as on 31st March, 2000, 2001 and 2002 were Rs. 2,05,960.26 crore, 2,12,176.73 crore and Rs. 2,19,407 crore respectively. The State-wise position is enclosed as statement-l (See below).

(b) In 2000-01, and amount of Rs. 58.54 crore was written off on the basis of recommendations of the Tenth Finance Commission (TFC). In 2001 -02, an amount of Rs. 4.24 crore was written of in accordance with the General Debt Relief Scheme formulated by the Eleventh Finance Commission (EFC). The State-wise details are enclosed as statement-ll (See below).

(c) No, Sir. Government of India provides assistance to States for